

# HUNDREDS DEAD BY EXPLOSION IN GERMAN MINE

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Hospitals Contain 25 Horribly Torn Men--Terrible Storm In China Wiped Out 100 Lives of Chinese People

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Nearly three hundred lost their lives in an explosion today in the mine at Rheden, near Essen. Already 165 mutilated bodies have been taken from the shaft. It is known that 110 men are still in the mine and it is feared that all have perished. Twenty-five horribly torn men have been taken to hospitals. Many will die from their injuries.

TEN MINUTES' STORM KILLS 100 PEOPLE

Terrible Storm at Hong Kong Did Very Great Damage--All of the Dead Are Chinese.

Hong Kong, Jan. 25.—Terrible damage accompanied by a loss of over 100 lives was wrought by a terrible rain storm here in the space of ten minutes. All the dead are Chinese and are mostly boatmen.

HOW A TEXAN KILLED A BEAR.

Range Rider Shut Off His Wind with a Lasso, and Used His Knife.

Jim Gordon, a range rider for W. W. Winkins, whose big ranch is over near Howard Wells, in western Texas, was much surprised the other morning to see a large black bear lumbering along ahead of him. It was in a rough locality, and the bear was evidently out to get its morning meal of some sort. Gordon stuck his rifle into his horse and took after the bear. The chase did not last long. Gordon unloosed his rope, which was coiled over the pommel of his saddle, and when he got within throwing distance of the fleeing bear he deftly circled the noose over the animal's head. The bear's head was caught in the noose and he was unable to turn. Gordon then pulled on the rope and drew the bear toward him. The bear got one of its paws underneath the noose and prevented the rope from choking it. Then began a struggle that lasted for more than an hour.

Ordinarily a horse is desperately afraid of a bear, but the cow pony which Gordon was riding stood the ordeal fearlessly. It maintained its position while Gordon dismounted with a view to attacking the bear at close quarters with his knife. He had no other weapon. The bear put up a hard fight the moment it saw Gordon's ground. It rushed at him and struck him a terrific blow on the shoulder, which sent him sprawling several feet away and out of reach of the maddened animal. The bear was confined to a prescribed circle by the rope. Strange to say, the bear made no attack upon the horse. It seemed to consider Gordon responsible for the whole trouble. Gordon determined to kill the animal before he left the spot. He made several ineffectual efforts to dash in on the bear and give it a blow with his knife, but each time he was struck by the animal's paw. Finally he got hold of the rope and by a sudden pull managed to tighten the rope so that the bear's head was temporarily shut off.

At the advantage of the moment, Gordon rushed in and cut the jugular vein of the animal with his knife. He loaded the bear upon his horse and brought it to the ranch house.—Kansas City Star.

The St. Johnsbury Merchants' association has added 185 new members the past year, making a total membership since its organization of 2,301 embracing 186 places throughout New England and Canada. It proves an effective protection from bad debts. The total number now on the cash customer list is 9,822, with \$5 in the bankrup list and 900 removed. Regular monthly meetings are held.

Mrs. Addison Slayton, of Westfield, aged 90 years, died Friday, January 18. She had been an invalid for several years and was cared for by her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Slayton, with whom she lived.

The Reformed Presbyterian church association at South Ryegate has voted to extend a call to the Rev. W. A. Pollock to become its pastor as soon as his theological studies are completed.

## NEW PANEL OF TALESMEN

Ordered for the Thaw Murder Trial To-day

YOUNG THAW IS EXCITED

He Was Apparently Under Some Mental Stress When he Appeared in Court To-day—May McKensie Again With Mrs. Evelyn Thaw.

New York, Jan. 28.—A new panel of 100 talesmen was ordered for the Thaw trial this morning. The work of completing a jury was continued at 10:30 o'clock. Miss May McKensie, the chorus girl, who is an inseparable companion of Evelyn Thaw, was in court when the trial opened and denied emphatically that she had been the cause of differences in the Thaw family.

"There is nothing but the most affectionate feeling among the members of Mrs. Thaw's household," said she, "and I am assured that my presence here with Evelyn is not in any way objectionable to any member of the family."

Evelyn Thaw today was the same costume, but a white instead of a blue veil. The girl plainly shows the strain she is under. The great shadows under her eyes have deepened and she follows the movements of the lawyers with a dull, lifeless expression. The Countess of Vermont disapproved the rumor that she would return to Europe, appearing in court this morning. With her were Mrs. William Thaw, Mrs. Carnegie and Edward Thaw. Mrs. Carnegie was the only one who took the slightest notice of Evelyn and her chorus girl companion.

When Thaw appeared it was evident that he was laboring under some mental stress. He immediately began an earnest conversation with Mr. Peabody, one of his counsel. While waiting in the corridor leading to the court room he became greatly excited, pacing nervously up and down.

Charles Newton, a retired businessman was accepted as the eighth juror today.

When court was called the defendant rushed to his seat eager for work. I would rather take my chances on being electrocuted than on being railroaded to any asylum, he said to his attorneys. The lawyers finally quieted him but he sat in sulks the rest of the morning. At noon owing to the disarrangement of the heating apparatus an adjournment was taken until two.

GROTON.

Mrs. Webster and daughter, Mrs. L. W. Crown, have moved into the Charles Ricker house.

George Whitehall of St. Johnsbury was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Whitehall, the first of the week.

Mrs. Calvin Darling was called to Lanesboro Saturday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Herman Page.

David Whitehall had the misfortune to lose two nice Jersey huffers Saturday night by getting hung in the stable.

Mrs. D. E. Gordon and little son, Kenneth, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Blanchard, returned Friday to their home at Hillsboro, N. H.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Eber Caldwell.

M. D. Coffin went to Burlington Wednesday to attend an undertakers' meeting. He returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ricker and Mrs. R. D. Sherry went to East Montpelier Thursday to attend the annual musical convention.

A special meeting of Laurel temple, No. 4, Pythian Sisters, has been called for Monday evening, January 28. The grand chief, Mrs. Eva Buchanan of Barton, will make an official visit at that time.

Henry Caldwell was badly injured one day last week by a chip striking him in the eye while chopping for Newton Hall. He went to Heston hospital at Montpelier Thursday for treatment. It is feared he will lose the sight of the eye.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

There will be a church social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hebard, this week Friday afternoon and evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Nellie Daly is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Savory, for a few weeks.

B. F. Sibley died yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2 p. m. Mr. Sibley leaves a wife and two daughters, besides many friends.

C. U. Lathrop, W. E. Granger and L. M. Seaver were in St. Albans Saturday to meet a committee of the Central Vermont R. R. regarding better service.

The promenade Saturday evening was a decided success in every particular, over sixty people being in costume. Over sixteen dollars was taken at the door.

There will be a special communication of Summit lodge, No. 104, F. and A. M., Tuesday, January 29, at 12 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, B. F. Sibley. Per order worshipful master.

WEBSTERVILLE.

All quarry stewards and members of Branch No. 13, Quarry Workers International union having cards are hereby notified to have the cards on their jobs January 30 as the cards will be collected on that day for the use of the auditors. Fred Sutor, president.

ACCIDENT IN BOLTON.

Central Vermont Train Meets With a Mishap.

Bolton, Jan. 28.—The Central Vermont passenger and mail train, No. 5, drawn by engine No. 216, broke down a mile south of this station at 7:40 o'clock Saturday evening. The rear truck frame of the tender gave way, causing the truck to leave the track and bump along the ties for over 50 rods. The air brakes were set and the engine separated from the train, and the locomotive proceeded about 15 rods farther before it, too, came to a stop.

The wreck train arrived from St. Albans at 11:45 and some of the passengers in the meantime sought refuge from the cold at the hospitable farmhouse of E. A. Foster.

At 9:48 Sunday morning, the engine was repaired, attached to the train and the journey northward was again begun. Bolton was reached at 2:15 a. m., the New England States Limited following No. 5, and here the two were passed by the southbound Boston sleeper. The limited was put ahead and after exchanging engines unfortunate No. 5 slowly wended its way to Essex Junction, arriving there at 4:45.

The branch train left the junction at 4:05 and in three hours and a quarter it was back at 7:29 o'clock, and at 7:44 again started for the city reaching there at 8:11 a. m.

NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING.

Union Men Say That They Expect the Grievances to Be Settled.

Editor Barre Daily Times: In reading the remarks made by Mr. P. F. McCarthy in your issue of the 25th inst., in regard to the withdrawal of the so-called "workmen's tickets," one would naturally think that the agitation for the reissuing of these tickets had been dropped by the labor union and their officials. And while it is not customary for the union men of this city to publish their deliberations in either what they have done nor what they intend to do through the columns of the local press, we would like to inform the general public that the labor union officials are not swayed by that "juicy, yellow lemon" by any means. True, they are not making a great deal of noise about the matter, but they are progressing slowly and fully expect to be able to resist by the end of the week the grievances brought against the Barre and Montpelier electric railroad have been settled entirely satisfactorily in regard to fares, also better accommodations.

We agree with Mr. McCarthy in all the other statements he makes in regard to that matter and have presented these facts with several additions to the directors of the road. We also would like to have seen more of the manufacturers and merchants take this matter up, as it is certainly just as much to their interest as it is to the union men.

Press Committee of Central Labor Union of Barre and vicinity.

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Rev. H. Clare Wilson Gave Good Satisfaction at Christ Church.

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TALK OF THE TOWN.

Among the arrivals at the City hotel today are H. E. Peabody, Lisbon, N. H.; A. M. Hunt, Boston; P. E. McAuliffe, Burlington; C. D. Waters, St. Johnsbury; W. G. Shaw, Burlington; J. R. Young, East Montpelier.

Miss Nellie Foley has closed her dressmaking rooms in the Averill block and has gone to her home in Burlington for a month's vacation, after which she will return and will again resume business.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will meet in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Harold Mather of Burlington arrived in town this forenoon for a short visit.

## CITY ELECTION NEAR AT HAND

Mayor Barclay Will Not Be Candidate For Re-election

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

Aldermen to Be Selected in Wards 1, 3 and 5—Some Names That Are Being Put Forward in Each.

Not since Barre became a city has there been so little said or such a scarcity of candidates at so near the time of city caucuses and election as there is this year. Ordinarily the merits of different gentlemen for various city positions have been exploited before this time and the matter of settling public sentiment on one or two men for the same office is in progress. Mayor William Barclay, who has given much time and energy in the three years he has held the office, will retire from the field this year. He feels that he has given the city all the time it can expect from him.



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AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN.

Edwin G. Peake Had Been Town Clerk of Orange for 45 Years.

Orange, Jan. 28.—Edwin G. Peake, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this town, died at his home Wednesday morning, January 23, after a three days' illness with jaundice. Mr. Peake was born in Orange May 6, 1827. The early part of his life was spent on a farm in the east part of the town. About twenty-five years ago he moved to the Center, where he had since been engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Peake was always a kind and indulgent man in his family, as well as an honored and trusted citizen of his town. In 1861 he was elected to the office of town clerk and treasurer, the offices of which he had held ever since, having been forced to resign the treasurer's office about ten years ago on account of ill health. He represented the town in the state legislature in 1866 and 1867 and has been a justice of the peace for the past forty years. In his younger days he also served in many other places of trust and responsibility, always with credit to his fellow-townsmen and much honor to himself.

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He leaves a widow, Marilla Clement Peake, a son, C. Oscar Peake, and a daughter, Flora A. Peake, all of Orange, who will greatly mourn his loss. The funeral services were held at his late home on Friday, January 25, the Rev. Lewis Dexter of West Topsham officiating. The host of friends and neighbors who gathered there to pay their last respects to the departed speaks plainly of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens. The interment was in the family lot at West Topsham.

MRS. MARY J. COVELL.

Died Saturday Evening at Her Home in Berlin.

Mrs. Mary J. Covell, widow of the late Stephen H. Covell of Berlin, died at her home in that town at 7 o'clock on Saturday evening after a little more than a week's illness, though for a much longer time she had been in feeble health. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia and heart trouble. The deceased was born in Williamstown, November 24, 1825, and was seventh in a family of ten children, all of whom are now dead. Her father was the late Col. John Poor. Two of her brothers served through the Civil war in the 10th Vermont and the death of both was hastened by wounds they received. One brother-in-law also served, but on the Confederate side, a surgeon to a Mississippi regiment.

On January 26, 1864, just 43 years ago the day of her death, she was married to Mr. Covell, who died May 5, 1890. Two of their five children survive her, N. Josie and Arthur E.; also an adopted daughter, Emma Brigham, and two grandchildren, Charles S. and Arthur E. Dewey. Mrs. Covell was above all else a Christian. She was a member of the M. E. church. The funeral will be from the home in Berlin Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

FUNERAL OF J. B. LAFAYETTE.

Held From His Late Home Yesterday Afternoon—The Flowers.

The funeral of the late James B. Lafayette was held from his home, corner of South Main and Quarry streets, yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of relatives and friends present. The Rev. W. A. Kinsie conducted the service, which was a quiet one. The Rev. W. A. Kinsie, "Lead Kindly Light" and "Looking This Way." The bearers were P. Wiley and A. Adams and the brothers of the deceased. A partial list of the floral tributes is as follows: carnations and ferns, Lawrence Rising, Independent Order of Good Templars; Mrs. Thomas Garrison, Peter Hendricks, Bricklayers and Masons' union; Miss Ida Noddo, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and family; Miss Sarah Noakes; cross of carnations and lilies, Mrs. L. A. Houghton and employees of the Barre Steam Laundry; wreath of carnations and lilies from neighbors; bunch of roses from the telephone girls; pillow of carnations and Chinese lilies from Peter and William Lafayette, brothers.

The family has the sincere sympathy of the community in its bereavement.

NATIVE OF BRADFORD.

Milton H. Davis Died at Greenfield, Mass., Yesterday.

Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 28.—Milton H. Davis, aged 61, died Sunday at his home, 34 Highwood street, after a few days' illness with pneumonia. He was a native of Bradford, Vt. During a portion of the civil war he served in Co. D, 8th Vt. Regt. For about 20 years he has lived in Northfield. He came here two years ago. He is survived by his wife. The interment will be in Bradford, Tuesday.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Four Months Old Child of Ceburn Gonyo of Granite Street.

The four months old child of Mr. Gonyo died yesterday morning of pneumonia. The child was buried this afternoon in the Catholic cemetery.

Programme for Goddard Recital.

Pupils in the musical department of Goddard seminary will give a recital from the works of Edward Grieg, on Wednesday evening, January 30, at 8 o'clock, in the seminary hall. Everyone interested is cordially welcome. The programme is as follows:

A short sketch of the composer. (a) Morgenstimmung; (b) Anitra's Song. Arranged for four hands, from the first Peer Gynt Suite. Sonata, Op. 7, in E minor. Songs, (a) Ein Schwan; (b) Verborgene Fuglein. An den Fruhlings. Songs, (a) Solvejgs Lied; (b) The First Primrose. (a) Ase's Tod; (b) In der Halle der Bergkoning. Arranged for four hands from the Peer Gynt Suite.

## BRISK FIRE IN A CHURCH

Montpelier Baptists Lost About \$2,000 Yesterday

BY FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER

Flames Caught from Pipe Leading from Furnace and Firemen Had to Work Over an Hour to Extinguish Them.

The Baptist church building in Montpelier, located on School street, was damaged by fire, smoke and water to the extent of \$2,000 late yesterday afternoon, because of defective piping leading from a furnace. The greater part of the damage was due to the application of water, the building being flooded.

The fire was discovered at four o'clock by A. A. Whitcomb from a nearby house. Mr. Whitcomb happened to glance toward the church and saw smoke pouring from the belfry. He at once turned in an alarm from box 73, and the fire department responded promptly. An investigation disclosed that the fire was located in the partitions in the front part of the structure and directly over the large furnace in the vestry or basement. The fire had been communicated from the main pipe from the furnace and had run up through the partitions to the loft over the audience room by the time the firemen arrived.

Three streams of water were played into the building, one from the interior of the belfry, another from the rear end, access being gained by way of the vestry, and the third from an entrance on the eastern side. It took a little over an hour to get the flames subdued, and again, two hours later, it was found that a little blaze had broken out threateningly. This was doused with a chemical extinguisher.

The damage by fire is confined to the interior front of the building, but smoke got into all the rooms and water also flooded them. The pews, carpets and cushions in the main audience room are badly damaged, and the walls will have to be freed of again, while the vestry room will need a thorough refitting. The church was repaired and put in first class shape only two years ago under the direction of the Rev. Gny C. Lamson, now located at Hyde Park, Mass. Mr. Lamson was communicated with by 'phone last evening and he expressed great sorrow over the loss to the church. The Rev. A. H. Buzzell, who is supplying as pastor since the resignation of the Rev. H. A. Roberts, was one of the first to arrive after the alarm and worked valiantly in defense of the property. Several beautiful memorial windows were not damaged in the least. The buildings, which was of wood exterior, was insured for \$10,000 in the Vermont Mutual company.

Shortly after this fire was put out there was another scare in the carriage shop of William S. Colton on State street, the old Capitol hall in which a part of the Montpelier fire department is housed. Smoke was seen issuing from the windows and an investigation showed that the store was full of smoke. The firemen soon learned that the building was not burning and that the trouble was due to poor draughts. No alarm was rung and there was no damage.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of South Main Street Surprised by Fifty of Their Friends on Saturday Night.

Friends and neighbors to the number of forty gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, 182 South Main street, Saturday night, to help them celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Dancing was indulged in during the evening by the company, interspersed by songs rendered by both the ladies and gentlemen present. There seemed to be an inexhaustible fund of musical talent stored in the company, for the songs were not only numerous, but of a varied and pleasing nature.

A few moments' absence of the host and hostess was taken advantage of to introduce into the house a handsome sideboard and lounge which W. Gray, on behalf of the company, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, and in a few well chosen words conveyed to the happy couple the congratulations and wishes of all present that they would be long spared to use the gifts which their friends and neighbors asked them to accept. Mr. Cooper after recovering from the surprise, and speaking also for Mrs. Cooper, feelingly thanked all present and assured them that the gifts would be cherished as a souvenir of their silver wedding. Refreshments were served at intervals during the evening, and after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the company broke up at a late hour.

LOOKING FOR A SON.

Of Recluse Who Died in Shanty in Woods Near Holden, Mass.

Efforts are being made to locate relatives of Martin Breidmaier, a man who died at Holden, Mass., a week ago Saturday. Deputy Sheriff E. W. Merick of Holden is making the search and he says that the body will be kept in a vault until May and that if no relatives show up the interment will be in the Potter's burial ground. The man had lived in a shanty in the woods near Holden for the past six years and appeared to be alone in the world. A short time before his death, he was heard to say that he had a son living in Vermont. Search in Burlington and Montpelier has failed to reveal his son's whereabouts, and it is thought that he may be living in Barre or vicinity.